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Dr. Joseph Banken

Date:

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To:

Kathy Gold

Subject:

RE: Is this possible, are you able to answer my question or is this an edcoc thing?

Kathy,

Yes, you are correct. This would be called a Dissociative State, which is caused by extreme psychological stress.

JB



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Subject: RE: Is this possible, are you able to answer my question or is this an edcoc thing?

Hi JB,

Dr. Joseph Scherger explained it to me, there is two processes.

Two processes were taking place, and each could cause you to go in and out of consciousness. The first is the concession itself, a type of brain injury. The second is the extreme stress you were under. Together or separately they could cause this.

Is the 2nd process called Dissociative state? Or is it called something else?

Kathy Gold

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Subject:: RE: Is this possible, are you able to answer my question or is this an edcoc thing?

Hello Kathy,

It is nice to hear from you again. I hope you have been doing well.

Dr. Scherger, provided helpful information. Kathy, with this happening so many years ago, in the absence of brain scans, this could be speculative. Sometimes when a person is in so much ongoing stress, like you have described here, they dissociate as a means of coping with the trauma.

Dissociations are not periods of unconsciousness, but a way of "mentally escaping" the immediate trauma. In a dissociative state, the person's entire thought process is not focused on the trauma, but on something else. This is a means of coping with the the terrible things happening to them. Then when the stress lets up, the person re-focuses on the situation the are experiencing. Dissociative states can last seconds, minutes, hours and, even years for some people. It is possible this is the 'in and out of a state of consciousness' you have described here. As above, this is speculative.

This is complicated. I hope this information will be assistance to you.

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Subject: Is this possible, are you able to answer my question or is this an edcoc

thing?

What I would like to know is can a person who has concussions in the scene attached, from the stress of being confined to a area and not allowed to leave including each time they try to leave that confined area their captor/captors bring them back to the confined area, can the stress of trying to escape being held hostage with concussions, can that cause the person to go unconscious and not only just go unconscious but constantly going in and out of a state of consciousness?

Can you answer this question or is this an edoc thing and not an epsych thing?

Thank You,
Kathy Gold

Kathy Gold

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